

## CARELESS RAPTURE

was still..happy executive..At midnight I was still awake, sitting in number five in my jockey shorts with the light out and the door open. I listened to the ticking of the Detweiler boy's typewriter and the muffled roar of Los Angeles. And thought and thought and thought. And got nowhere..the box. From inside came the mew of a cat that ended with a deep, depressing: Elmbmpf..Her face took on the intent, yet mesmerized look of a quiz show contestant "Ask, ask." I became aware of the wind. It was blowing steadily up from the south. I could smell the sea in it. The Project swayed, ever so slightly. But that was all right. The engineers had allowed for the wind. I'd felt it sway lots of tunes, and I was no stranger to the wind..might have attracted some attention, but Jack's hair, for all his colorful costume, was a very ordinary.Message sent represents an invalid communication and has not been dispatched to addressee. Please respond immediately to Central Processing with date and time of initial tribute delivery..Baird Searles for "Multiples"; Copyright ? 1980 by Baird Searles.he tried to pretend he wasn't. Even if he hadn't been here, I would not think so..That made sense but didn't answer his question. "When do you write them?".Since then he has published poetry (The Right Way to Figure Plumbing), an anthology, Bad Moon.from the audience keeps the dome aloft, and the arena crew turns off the blowers.. "Do you want to talk about it?". "So?if you'd like an endorsement from me ... ?" She reached.He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not.hours ago, just as I arrive.. "There was a note from her on my door the next morning.. "Go to the bathroom."..know so much of what we were sent here to find out. And you'll be quite famous when you get back to.people. For them to have, in effect, sabotaged such a noble undertaking is, frankly,..Tom Reamy.According to the landlord, at the time of the kid's death Detweiler was playing bridge with him and a couple of elderly old-maid sisters in number twelve. He hadn't been feeling well and had moved out later that evening?to catch a bus to San Diego, to visit his ailing mother. The landlord had felt sorry for him, so sorry he'd broken a steadfast rule and refunded most of the month's rent Detweiler had paid hi advance. After all, he'd only been there three days. So sad about his back. Such a nice, gentle boy?a writer, you know..The back of his shirt was churning. The scream continued, hurting my ears. Rips appeared in the shirt.229.I hesitate, then say, "Sure, I'm almost done with the board."..still gonna do what I said I was gonna do, right from here!" And with that, the King unslung his bow.. "Only for the time being. I'm not suggesting that we overthrow the government tomorrow. A.forehead broke bloodlessly apart He would rub and rub fur-flier still till the brown hide skinned back.He blew a stream of smoke from pursed lips and tapped his cigarette on an alabaster ashtray. "Yes," he said..of one kind or another, it would be very unlikely that any one of them would be another Isaac Asimov,.Q: When was this picture taken?.But better to have the crew satisfy their curiosity in here where we can watch them, she reasoned, than.maintain her tough, competent show of strength. In a way, it was a strong thing to do, to expose.pieces are hidden."..But here luck turned against them, for no sooner had they reached the shore again when the sailors descended on them. The jailor had at hist woken up and, finding his captives gone, had organized a searching party which set out just as Amos and the prince reached the boat.Nolan wiped his forehead. Maybe he'd been too hasty, bringing Darlene and the baby here. But a man was entitled to see his own son, and in a few months they'd be out of this miserable sweatbox forever. No sense getting uptight; everything was going to be all right."Did you just push the board to thirty?" The tech's voice sounds strange..but blood beaded his head like a crown. It was the first time she had ever seen him bleed. He pushed.Tonight's crowd strains even the capacity of the Rocky Mountain Central Arena. The gate people say there are more than nine hundred thousand people packed into the smoky recesses of the dome. It's not just hard to believe; it's scary. But computer ticket-totes don't lie.. "Harry Spinner. You'd better get the cops, Birdie. Somebody killed him."..I look out at the crowd and it's like staring at the Pacific after dark; the gray waves march out to the horizon until you can't tell one from the other. Here on the stage, the crowd-mutter even sounds like the sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me and I'm grateful for the twin earpieces, reassured to hear the usual check-down lists on the in-house com circuit.problem that would be unknown if we could just release a toe and have it grow into another individual.The problem with literature and literary criticism is that there is no obvious craft involved?so people who wouldn't dream of challenging a dance critic's comments on an assoluta's line or a prima donna's musicianship are conscious of no reason not to dismiss mine on J. R. R. Tolkien. We're all dealing with language, after all, aren't we? But there is a very substantial craft involved here, although its material isn't toes or larynxes. And some opinions are worth a good deal more than others..There, he thought, that should keep her busy long enough for me to think of the next one. He opened a second beer and took a meditative swallow. Did poets ever write poems about drinking beer? Or was that too general? Better to ask her to write about her favorite brand of beer, a kind of advertisement."What about Amanda?".Late in February he bought a house and an electronics dealership in a small town in the Adirondacks..them didn't believe Song's theories but had an uneasy feeling of trespassing when they went through the.man's arm. The grey man stopped and frowned so deeply his face became almost black. "These clothes.say there are more than nine hundred thousand people packed into the smoky recesses of the dome. It's.hair, is so tall, with such eyes, and she will tell you, 'It is her own darling Amos.' And Hidalgo's word."Now before you play," I said, "you must understand that we did not wish it known we were working.gunned the jeep over the rutted roadway, peering into the shimmering haze.. "Do not trouble yourself. I will look after the little one." Mama's voice was soothing. "Now you must rest"..his sister remained at home..didn't speak Spanish or Portuguese either. Not that she'd made any attempts to communicate; she kept.beside the boy. Its face was twisted, tortured, and its mouth kept opening and closing with the screams..nightmare would be over..This day, like the nine before it, illuminated a Tharsis radically changed from what it had been over.Now she

lay on the bunk, her feet sprawled carelessly in front of her. She slowly shook her head back and forth..that may be air bladders or some grotesque analogue of blossoms. Now, at the edge of the screen.,I know I don't dare force the issue; even if I did, there would still be Stella.."Oh, I'm not drunk. I discovered long ago that one needn't actually drink in order to have the satisfaction of behaving outrageously."."How is our friend doing?" Amos asked the prince, pointing to the bundle of blankets in the corner..option, since the whole point of the place was that you could just sit back and let your chair do the.The door starts to swing back on noiseless hinges, and a breath of cold, unbelievably cold air touches our faces. The door swings open. The door swings open. The door swings open forever before we finally see into the next chamber..I don't think the fault's in Jain. I detect no significant difference from other conceits. Her skin still tantalizes the audience as nakedly, only occasionally obscured by the cloudy metal mesh that transforms her entire body into a single antenna. I've been there when she's performed a hell of a lot better, maybe, but I've also seen her perform worse and still come off the stage happy..Ph.D..Nolan's tongue froze to the roof of his mouth. Time itself was frozen as he stared down at the crushed and pulpy thing sprawled shapelessly beside the rocker, its sightless eyes bulging from the swollen purple face..the wind."..me from a hundred directions. The faded photographs covered every level surface and clung to the walls.prove I'm in the same league, but it does indicate the persistence of the issues involved and that they.terrace doors?"..asked..pinhole drilled in one side. The pinhole was cold when he touched it with his fingers. Startled, thinking he.Brother Hart," she cried. "It was for me you died. Now your enchantment is at an end."."No, just said he was restless and wanted to be movin' on. Sure hated to see bun leave. A real nice.afternoon, you'd better go to sleep right now."."I think it's the best idea. One thing: you've given up on any thoughts of me flying the Podkayne?"..I felt my throat burning and my stomach turning over, but I watched in petrified fascination.."But what about the food? Surely it's too much to expect for these Martians to eat the same things.Nothing was trouble which guaranteed me the chance to see her twice a day. When I met Selene on the beach several days later, I thanked her..The wealthy merchant stiffened. "Are you implying that my concern for the Project derives from a.Amanda wrenched herself sideways, stabbing at the left hand. "Leave me alone.".\* Though Dune is, strictly speaking, science fiction." Wilson was talking about the-gnat-kader syndrome, and the heroic atmosphere Dune shares with heroic fantasy..DENVER.business for its health. Accounting is depending on Program S723 to keep track of profitability in the."Does she believe that?" Mama's gaze was grave. "You must tell her to go."..reasonable demands made upon the Company by Local 209..265.baby..On the com circuit the tech yells: "Idiot! I'm already reading ninety. Ninety, damn it. There's still one.artificial hump and stowed it in the suitcase. He closed the lid and locked it.nature of her struggle to reach them; she was in shock and half believed it was only a nightmare. So she.you really thought what it's going to take? Have you tried to visualize her getting into her pressure suit in."Good evening," said Amos. "I'm exploring the ship and I have very little time. I have to be up at four.type (a football player now) and Dyan Cannon shrieked to great effect a couple of times..When the moon lit the clearing, the hunter returned. He could not wait until the morning. Hinda's fear had become his own. He dared not leave her alone. But he moved quietly as a beast in the dark. He left his dogs behind..by JANE YOLEN.the poster.Genetic manipulation, especially cloning, has been much in the news recently, and in the essay below, Dr. Asimov takes up the subject with his customary energy and intelligence. Imagine, if you will, one hundred Isaac Asimov clonesI..we go through the positions. Her breathing grows a little ragged; that is all. And yet she is more.of slow-burning leaves. Then Jain Snow sings..Ten minutes later, Sirocco had worked out a hastily contrived fire-plan with his executive officer and relayed details to First, Second, and Fourth platoons, and Colman had briefed Third Platoon via his section leaden. Colman secured and checked his equipment; unloaded, reloaded, and rechecked his M32 assault cannon; checked and inventoried his ammunition.."What's VTP?" says Stella..It's really a different world back in there, with almost no contact with the outside."..Q: Why has this letter taken 1732 years to be delivered?.and send it to us in the three spare capsules. That might come to two years or even three..blood flowing around. If Milian had been murdered, there might be a link, however tenuous. But Milian's."That means," said Lea, " I was put here to be the nearest and dearest friend to all those grim, grey.There is no reason to suppose that this separation of offspring cells.played yesterday afternoon. Please send along whatever certificate you have to indicate my Fleet Captain.The gale blows itself out on the morning of the 26th. The sun is bright, the sea almost dead calm.."Ashes?" I say, unsure how to respond. Humor her. "Sure.?.But I couldn't figure out a pattern for the victims: male, female, little kids, old aunts, married,."Thank you, Winey, for the encouraging words. You always did know what it takes to buck a person up. By the way, that other mission, the one where you were going to ride a meteorite down here to save our asses, that's scrubbed, too?".It was not unexpected; Lang had been waiting for it to happen since the night the Burroughs left. But she had not worried about it Now she must decide what to do.."Oh, I couldn't I'm too unlucky."..A good theory, but meanwhile he had the immediate problem of what in particular to talk about. "Have you heard about the giant department store in Japan?" he asked her. "It covers sixteen acres."..antiseptic bay in which our own ship now sits, for example, is no less than a cubic kilometer in volume;a gunshot rang out in the Podkayne..you will do your best to emphasize the fact that the Zorphwar program has already been modified to.also climb over into the swamp. Had the figure been Amos?it was wearing Amos' rags?the red hair.Don't drink I am think?.Dramatization is another. I (like many reviewers) often stage a little play called The Adventures of Byline. Byline (or "I") is the same species of creature as the Kindly Editor or the Good Doctor, who appear from time to time in these pages. That is, she is a form of shorthand. When Byline rewrites story X, that doesn't mean that I?the real, historical personage?actually did or will or wish to rewrite story X, or that I expect its real, historical author to rewrite it to Byline's prescription, any more than my saying that "my" copy of Bug Jack Ban-on tried to punch "me" in the nose means that such an event really happened. Pauline Kael's Movie Loon is another such fiction; these little creatures we send scurrying about

the page are not our real, live selves, and their exploits are dictated more by the exigencies of our form than by a desire for personal glory..After the meeting a bunch of us stopped in The Fig Leaf for a few beers. I was still there when Ike.Late in February he bought a house and an electronics dealership in a small town in the Adirondacks. In March he signed over his interest in the company to his partner, cleaned out his lab and left He Bold his co-op apartment in Manhattan and his summer house in Connecticut, moved to his new home and became anonymous..So as a public service (and to save you from the embarrassing experience of talking about the 1969."She probably let me catch the two of you making love so Fd throw you out and she could have you to herself." Amanda sat back hugging herself as though cold. "I know what she's doing but I don't know what to do to stop her. If she were a cancer, I could cut her out. How do I cure myself of this?this parasite of the mind?".sent a new wave of nausea through me and muffled my vision and hearing in black velvet..Congreve paused again, but this time not so much as a whisper disturbed the silence.."What about water?".to your right; we strip off the outer part and eat the meat underneath. It tastes good. I wish we could.with.Once there was a poor man named Amos. He had nothing but his bright red hair, fast fingers, quick.128.surprised..much as paying the hospital and doctor bills..tSee "Counting Chromosomes," F&SF, June 1968..The practical problems of mammalian cloning are such that there is no chance of its happening for.From Competition 19: SF limericks 183.should leave?".In addition, endangered species could have their chances of survival increased if both males and females could be cloned over and over. When the number of individuals was sufficiently increased, sexual reproduction could be allowed to take over.."Would it be worth all the pearls you could put in your pockets, all the gold you could carry in one.154.The last step took the thin grey man right into the open trunk. He cried out, stumbled, the trunk overturned on its side, and the lid fell to with a snap..We'll have to find a way to conserve it a lot more than we're doing. Offhand, I don't know how. Song, do you have any ideas?".it?".paused to scan them for comments. There were none. She stripped to her skin and reached for the light.

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